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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Stanislaus Council of Governments' (STANCOG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 14         | <b>State, and Local Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds, deletes, or modifies various projects from various funding programs in Stanislaus County. The amendment includes projects funded from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and the Regional Surface Transportation Program.</li></ul> |

See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 14 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any of the CMAQ program projects in this amendment.

The updated programming has been found by STANCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. STANCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,



for

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Bruce Abanathie - Stanislaus Council of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Cathy Gomes - Caltrans